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(PCT Rule 61.2)

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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

24 September 1999 (24.09.99)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:2. The election ☒ was☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 2DLST2/99	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US99/04376	International filing date (day/month/year) 26 FEBRUARY 1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 26 FEBRUARY 1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): C12Q 1/68; C07H 21/04 and US Cl.: 435/6, 287.2; 436/94; 536/24.3, 24.31		
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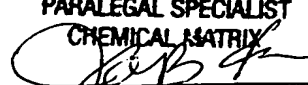
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets.
☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
These annexes consist of a total of 37 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☒ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 24 SEPTEMBER 1999	Date of completion of this report 22 MAY 2000
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US99/04376

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
pages _____ (See Attached) _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

- ☒ the claims:
pages _____ (See Attached) _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

- ☒ the drawings:
pages _____ (See Attached) _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

- ☒ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages _____ (See Attached) _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in printed form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☒ the description, pages _____ NONE _____
- ☒ the claims, Nos. _____ NONE _____
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/fig _____ NONE _____

5. ☐ This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

**Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been and will not be examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application.

☒ claims Nos. 1 and 2

because:

☐ the said international application, or the said claim Nos. _ relate to the following subject matter which does not require international preliminary examination (*specify*).

☒ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. 1 and 2 are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*).

No invention is set forth in these claims (claims are too indefinite).

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. _ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☒ no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 1 and 2.

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

☐ the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

☐ the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>3-96</u>	YES
	Claims <u>none</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>3-96</u>	YES
	Claims <u>none</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>3-96</u>	YES
	Claims <u>none</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 3-96 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the use of CL-F analysis in the study of bi-allelic markers, the CL-F analysis involving a two-dimensional plane having the two orthogonal dimensions of chromosomal location and least common allele frequency.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE

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Supplemental B x

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: Boxes I - VIII

Sheet 10

I. BASIS OF REPORT:

This report has been drawn on the basis of the description,
page(s) 1-9, 11-14, 17-32, 35-38 and 40-48, as originally filed.
page(s) NONE, filed with the demand.
and additional amendments:
pages 10, 15, 16, 33, 34 and 39, filed with the letter of 24 May 2000.

This report has been drawn on the basis of the claims,
page(s) NONE, as originally filed.
page(s) NONE, as amended under Article 19.
page(s) NONE, filed with the demand.
and additional amendments:
Pages 49-81, filed with the letter of 22 May 2000.

This report has been drawn on the basis of the drawings,
page(s) 1, as originally filed.
page(s) NONE, filed with the demand.
and additional amendments:
NONE

This report has been drawn on the basis of the sequence listing part of the description:
page(s) NONE, as originally filed.
pages(s) NONE, filed with the demand.
and additional amendments:
NONE

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/US99/04376

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(6) :C12Q 1/68; C07H 21/04

US CL :435/6, 287.2; 436/94; 536/24.3, 24.31

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 435/6, 287.2; 436/94; 536/24.3, 24.31

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

APS, BIOSIS, CA, MEDLINE

search terms:bi-allelic markers, CL-F, frequency, linkage, matrix, chromosome

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	KRUGLYAK et al. Linkage thresholds for two-stage genome scans. Am. J. Hum. Genet. 1998, Vol. 62, pages 994-996.	2-20, 22-24
A	KRUGLYAK, L. The use of a genetic map of biallelic markers in linkage studies. Nature Genetics. September 1997, Vol. 17, pages 21-24.	2-20, 22-24
A	KRUGLYAK et al. Parametric and nonparametric linkage analysis: A unified multipoint approach. Am. J. Hum. Genet. 1996, Vol. 58, pages 1347-1363.	2-20, 22-24
A	KRUGLYAK et al. Complete multipoint sib-pair analysis of qualitative and quantitative traits. Am. J. Hum. Genet. 1995, Vol. 57, pages 439-454.	2-20, 22-24

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Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

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See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:	*T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
A document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	*X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
E earlier document published on or after the international filing date	*Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
L document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	*G* document member of the same patent family
O document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	
P document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	

Date of the actual completion of the international search

04 MAY 1999

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

the claim does not set forth an invention

3. ☒ Claims Nos.: 21 and 25
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.



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60/076,102 26 February 1998 (26.02.98) US 60/076,182 27 February 1998 (27.02.98) US 60/086,947 27 May 1998 (27.05.98) US 60/107,673 7 November 1998 (07.11.98) US			
(63) Related by Continuation (CON) or Continuation-in-Part (CIP) to Earlier Applications		Published <i>With international search report.</i> <i>With amended claims and statement.</i>	
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(54) Title: **TWO-DIMENSIONAL LINKAGE STUDY TECHNIQUES**

(57) Abstract

Versions of the invention are directed to methods (including software), apparatus, compositions of matter, and new uses of compositions of matter for a new type of association based linkage study technique using bi-allelic markers. In this new type of association based linkage study technique, the bi-allelic markers used in the new linkage studies are chosen so that the least common allele frequencies of the markers vary systematically over a range or subrange of least common allele frequency and the chromosomal location of the markers vary systematically over one or more chromosomes or chromosomal regions. And the bi-allelic markers are chosen so that the markers' chromosomal locations and least common allele frequencies vary systematically in an essentially independent manner. This selection of markers achieves a systematic distribution of the markers over a two-dimensional region having the orthogonal dimensions of chromosomal location and least common allele frequency. By using the two characteristics or two dimensions of marker chromosomal location and marker allele population frequency in this unique way, the power and systematic nature of genetic linkage studies using association based linkage tests is greatly increased. These unique two-dimensional linkage study techniques increase the power of association based linkage studies to localize trait causing genes or polymorphisms of modest effect such as human disease causing polymorphisms.